

1. (Amended) ~~A method of providing media to a plurality of in-room systems from a~~
head-end system remote from the plurality of in-room systems, said method comprising the steps
of:

5 storing a plurality of acquisition media at each of the in-room systems each of the
acquisition media having stored thereon, at least one of audio and video data;

storing a plurality of access-only media at the head-end system, the access-only media
comprising at least one of audio and video data identical to that stored on the acquisition media;

10 at each in-room system, providing access to each of the access-only media, such that the
access-only media is played by the head-end system and is at least one of audibly and visually
presented at the in-room system to assist [the] an in-room system user in media acquisition
choices; and

recording the acquisition of any of the media at the head-end system.

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2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the acquisition media comprises devices
for storing audio data [and the access-only media comprises audio data].

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3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the acquisition media comprises devices
for storing audio/video data [and the access-only media comprises audio/video data].

21. (Amended) ~~A method of providing access-only media to a plurality of in-room~~
systems from a head-end system remote from the plurality of in-room systems and tracking the
access to the access-only media, said method comprising the steps of:

5 storing a plurality of access-only media at the head-end system;

playing the access-only media at the head-end system and transmitting each of the access-
only media over a communications line, each access-only media transmitted at a unique
frequency;

10 at each in-room system, providing access to the communication line through a frequency
tuner for adjustably tuning to one of the unique frequencies, such that the access-only media is at
least one of audibly and visually presented at the in-room system; and

recording the access of any of the access-only media at the head-end system.

27. (Amended) A method of providing access-only media to a plurality of in-room systems from a remote master site through a plurality of head-end systems, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of periodically updated access-only media at the remote master site;
periodically downloading the access-only media to the plurality of head-end systems over a first communications network;

at each of the head-end systems, playing the access-only media and transmitting each of the access-only media over a second communications network, each access-only media transmitted at a unique frequency;

at each in-room system, providing access to the communication line through a frequency tuner for adjustably tuning to one of the unique frequencies such that the access-only media is at least one of audibly and visually presented at the in-room system; and

~~recording the access of any of the access-only media at the head-end system.~~

Please add new claims 28 and 29 as follows:

28. (New) A method of providing media to a plurality of in-room systems from a head-end system remote from the plurality of in-room systems, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of acquisition media at each of the in-room systems;
storing a plurality of access-only media at the head-end system;
at each in-room system, providing access to each of the access-only media to assist the user in media acquisition choices;
at the in-room system, sensing the access to one of the access-only media;
upon sensing the access of one of the access-only media, activating a free-sample timer and storing an access signal encoded with a room identifier and a media access identifier at the in-room system;
monitoring the in-room system for continued access to the accessed media;

if the accessed media is accessed throughout the free-sample time allotted,
transmitting the access signal to the head-end system and processing the access signal to
15 determine any charge associated with the access.

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29 A method of providing access-only media to a plurality of in-room systems
from a head-end system remote from the plurality of in-room systems and tracking the access
to the access-only media, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of access-only media at the head-end system;

5 transmitting each of the access-only media over a communications line, each access-
only media transmitted at a unique frequency;

at each in-room system, providing access to the communication line through a
frequency tuner for adjustably tuning to one of the unique frequencies;

at the in-room system, sensing the access to one of the access-only media;

10 upon sensing the access of one of the access-only media, activating a free-sample
timer and storing an access signal encoded with a room identifier and a media acquisition
identifier and

monitoring the in-room system for continued access to the accessed media; and

if the accessed media is accessed throughout the free-sample time allotted,

15 transmitting the access signal to the head-end system and processing the access signal to
determine any charge associated with the acquisition.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 21 and 27 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly
claim that which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 10 has been canceled. New claims
28 and 29 have been added. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-9
and 11-29 are thus currently pending in this application.